7th July, 1991 indicating that the red palm oil cultivation started in 1977 by the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Forest and Plantation Development Corporation is yet to make a significant impact although the price of the oil is remunerative for the corporation to go in for plantation;

(b) whether Government, in view of recent policy of devaluation of rupee, propose to provide fiscal incentives under the Technology Mission on Oilseeds to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Forest and Plantation Development Corporation to take up plantation on a large scale to curtail imports of vegetable oils; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Due to the ban on converting natural forest to artificial mono-culture plantation.

Filling up of vacant posts in various Govt. of India Presses

847. SHRI KHYOMO LOTHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of vacancies in the category of copy-holder have been lying vacant in the Government of India Presses, Minto Road and Ring Road, New Delhi and Faridabad since long;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of other vacancies in Group 'D' posts such as Labourer, Machine Attendant, Bindery Asstt. are also lying vacant in the above said Presses since long;

(c) whether it is also a fact thar all the above said posts are connected with the productive work and due to non-filling up of these vacancies, the productive work is suffering; and

(d) if the reply to (a) and (b) be in the affirmative what are the details of each vacancy Press-wise and what action have been taken by the Press Authorities to fill up the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) Vacancy position in these grades in these Presses is as under :—

Name of the Press	No. of vacancies as on 1-7-1991			
	Copy Holder	Labourer	Machine Attendant	Bindery Assistant
Minto Road	10	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ring Road	6	28	5	9
Faridabad	14	22	26	36
Photolitho Faridabad	Nil	19	Nil	27

Vacancies could not be filled up because of the earlier Government decision to close-down four units at Calcutta and Simla with a view to absorbing the surplus staff. However, each such case is considered on its own merits and vacancies are allowed to be filled up wherever considered essential in the interest of production.

Train accidents

848. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway accidents in the last two years along with the date, place and the reason of accidents;